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SUBJECT: EXCON: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY AMPEX CORPORATION

1. J.T. GERWERT AND P. DELVAUX OF AMPEX BELGIUM, WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF AMPEX CORP., REDWOOD CITY, CALIF., HAVE REQUESTED EMBASSY TO PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO US DELEGATE TO COCOM PARIS AND US DEPT OF COMMERCE, BIC, IN EFFORT TO EXPEDITE ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSES IN FOLLOWING TWO CASES. AMPEX REPS LEFT FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS OF CASES:
CASE NO. 1

CUSTOMER: MASHPRIBORINTORG, MOSCOW, USSR

USA LICENSE: BIC LICENSE NO. E40813-805-1

EXPORT LICENSE NO. 061152(NO DATE)

BIC CASE NO. 111465

APPLICANT'S REF NO. 424010

EQUIPMENT ONE UNIT-ACR-25 CASSETTE RECORDER REPRODUCER
WITH MAGNETIC VIDEO RECORDING TAPE VALUE-\$260,000.00

1. APPLICATION FOR BELGIAN EXPORT LICENSE MADE NOVEMBER 13, 1974

HISTORY: THIS UNIT WAS SHIPPED FROM USA TO UK FOR IBC TRADE SHOW IN SEPT. FOLLOWING THE SHOW, IT WAS SHIPPED TO AMPEX SWEDEN FOR DEMONSTRATION TO POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS. FOLLOWING THESE DEMONSTRATIONS, IT WAS SHIPPED TO AMPEX
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FACTORY IN BELGIUM ON NOVEMBER 8 FOR REFURBISHING AND INSTAL-

LATION OF UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS FOR RUSSIAN TV.

2. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT COCOM POSTPONED APPROVAL OF THE BELGIAN E/L APPLICATION PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY ONE OF THE DELEGATES. WE SUPPOSED THIS TO BE THE AMERICAN DELEGATE ALTHOUGH THE BIC EXPORT LICENSE WAS PRESENTED WITH OUR APPLICATION FOR THE BELGIAN E/L BY THE BELGIAN DELEGATE TO COCOM.

PROBLEM COMES FROM THE FACT THAT THE RUSSIAN TV AGENCY LOSES THE FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THIS MACHINE TO THE CENTRAL FUND IF THE MACHINE IS NOT DELIVERED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE NEED TO SHIP BY DECEMBER 15.

WE SUSPECT THE DELAY IN COCOM (BY THE AMERICAN DELEGATE) IS CAUSED BY THE FACT THE BIC E/L INDICATES CONSIGNEE AS BEING AMPEX INTERNATIONALS- REDWOOD CITY, CALIF. WITH "UNKNOWN" IMMEDIATE CONSIGNEE, AND LISTS ULTIMATE CONSIGNEE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY AS BEING STATE COMMITTEE FOR TV AND RADIO IN MOSCOW. BIC E/L DOWS NOT INDICATE AMPEX-BELGIUM AS BEING IMMEDIATE CONSIGNEE.

CASE NO. 2

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AMPEX-REDWOOD CITY, CALIF. MADE APPLICATION TO BIC ON SEPT 19, 1974 FOR E/L TO SHIP 2 AVR-1 VIDEO RECORDERS TO CESHOSLOVENSKA TELEVIZE IN PRAHA, C.S.S.R. THIS CUSTOMER HAS THE SAME PROBLEM AS U.S.S.R TV IN THAT THE TV AGENCY WILL LOSE THEIR ALLOCATED FUNDS TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FUND IF THE MACHINES ARE NOT DELIVERED BEFORE END OF C.S.S.R. FISCAL YEAR. REF BIC CASE NO. 123625. ALTHOUGH APPLICATION INDICATES MACHINES WILL SHIP FROM THE USA, THE MACHINES WILL BE ACTUALLY SHIPPED FROM OUR FACTORY IN BELGIUM. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED BIC APPROVAL IN THE US AND THE CASE HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO COCOM BY THE US REPRESENTATIVE. AMPEX BELGIUM MADE APPLICATION FOR BELGIAN E/L ON NOVEMBER 14, 1974 AND WE DON'T KNOW IF THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN COCOM HAS PRESENTED IT OR NOT IN COCOM. SINCE WE PLAN TO SHIP THESE TWO UNITS FROM BELGIUM IN LIEU OF THE USA, OUR BELGIAN REF NUMBERS ARE 24244 AND 24245 WHICH CORRESPOND TO OUR US REF NUMBERS 424025 AND 724020A ON THE BIC APPLICATION. WE SUSPECT A POTENTIAL PROBLEM IN COCOM IN THAT OUR BELGIAN

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E/L APPLICATION INDICATES SHIPMENT FROM BELGIUM ALTHOUGH OUR BIC APPLICATION INDICATES SHIPMENT FROM BELGIUM ALTHOUGH OUR BIC APPLICATION INDICATES SHIPMENT FROM THE USA DIRECT TO C.S.S.R. UNQUOTE

2. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME REMAINING IN ORDER TO FULFILL ORDER, AMPEX REQUESTS MOST EXPEDITIOUS CONSIDERATION BY COCOM PARIS AND BIC, US DEPT OF COMMERCE.FIRESTONE

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